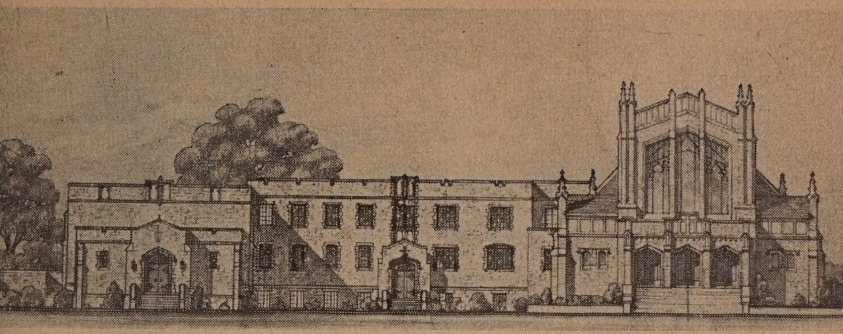

SKETCH OF WICHITA PLYMOUTH EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

At right is the present Church Sanctuary.
Left portion is new structure now under construction.

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In addition to the monies channeled through the Conference Office, credited to Second Mile, many gifts have been sent direct to the churches by groups and individuals.

A Supply Center for bedding, furniture, food and clothing was set up at Seaman Church to serve the many needy people of that area. Materials have been received from Partridge, Independence, Stockton, Prairie Village, Emporia First, Topeka First, Olive Hill and Wichita Plymouth.

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"THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN MINDS"

Mrs. John W. Gibson, Moderator

"Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3.

"We have fellowship one with another." 1 John 1:7.

Fellowship in every Congregational-Christian church is vital. From Washington State to New York, from Minnesota to Texas, the visiting churchman may feel a sense of oneness with his fellow worshipers.

Friendliness is everywhere, if a person just makes himself known. Our women have named their organization The National FELLOWSHIP of Congregational-Christian women, our laymen call themselves the Laymen's FELLOWSHIP. Both aim for companionship, friendliness, partnership in the kingdom of God.

Long ago Paul and Barnabas were given the right hand of fellowship by James, Cephas, and John; today the minister not only welcomes new members by extending his right hand, he greets all comers, whether his own flock, another mans' flock, or no ones' flock, by putting out his right hand in fellowship. Lay folk join him in making the traveling churchman feel comfortable.

We sing from the same hymnals, read the same prayers, drink from like communion cups. United, we send food to Korea and funds to flooded Kansas.

Particular pleasure comes to those of us who, year in an year out, when away from home, claim the privilege of fellowship with our Congregational-Christian brothers over the land. Old friendships are renewed, new ones made. A sense of belonging results.

The hymn most truly expressive of this feeling of fellowship is:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The FELLOWSHIP of Christian minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour united prayers
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one;
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

(John Fawcett 1872 alt.)

Summer-Time Highlights

Participating in groun breaking ceremonies fo the Plymouth Congrega tional Church education building on July 2 were, left to right: Cla ence E. Vollmer, contrac tor; Art E. Leaper, arch tect; Ray L. Townsend chr., Board of Trustees Rev. Charles A. Lamp man, president of th Council of Churches Dr. Walter Upton, Pas tor; Dr. J. Henry Ho nung, former pasto Wm. H. Moore, chai man of Building Com mittee; E. E. Gilbert architect, John Sheak furnishing and decoratin chairman.

(Eagle Staff Photo)

GROUND BREAKING AT WICHITA PLYMOUTH

Ceremonies were held on Sunday afternoon, July 22 for the church's projected $275,000.00 educational building to be built north of the sanctuary in the 200 block on Clifton.

The first spadefull of earth was turned by Dr. Walter H. Upton, pastor of the church. Others participating in the services are shown in the picture.

The two story building is expected to be completed by next June. It is to be built with a front of Indiana limestone to match the sanctuary and the other sides will be of brick.

Included in the structure will be 25 church school rooms, a fellowship hall, a kitchen, a chapel, a church parlor and the church offices.

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Four Thousand More By '54

CHARLES ORON ERICKSON ORDAINED

On June 20, Seabrook Church wa host to the ecclesiastical council calle for the examination and ordination o Charles Oron Erickson, son of th Rev. and Mrs. Elmer E. Erickson o Seabrook Church.

Mr. Fred Epps, moderator of East ern Association called the Vicinag Council to order; the Rev. C. Fosber Hughes was elected moderator and Mr Harald Wisegarver, scribe.

Charles is a graduate of Doane Co lege and of Chicago Theological Sem nary, having received the degree o Bachelor of Divinity on June 15, 1951 and the Master of Arts from Chicag University in 1950. He has been l censed by the Eastern Association o Kansas.

A paper prepared to state his Chris

tian beliefs and experience, and his call to the ministry was read by the candidate in which he paid tribute to his parsonage home and to the ministry of his father. Service as an officer in the Navy gave him a further conviction for the needs of the church in our present day living.

The evening service of ordination was brought closer to the hearts of all because all of those taking part were intimate friends or relatives of Charles and Jane. Mrs. John Erickson was organist and James Erickson read the scripture. The Rev. Elmer Erickson gave the prayer of ordination and the vows of ordination. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Bryant Drake, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, the father of Mrs. Charles Erickson. The Rev. Edward Trindle of Lawton, Oklahoma, a classmate, gave the Invocation and The Lord's Prayer. The Rev. Cyril Hicks, Associate Superintendent of Colorado gave the charge to the candidate, the Rev. L. M. Rymph of the Kansas Conference, the Charge to the People, and the Rev. Reuben R. Trickey of Welborn Church, Kansas City, the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Charles has supplied the Great Bend Church in Kansas and the Forest Glen Church in Chicago since ordination. On September 1, he and his wife and small son took up their residence in the parsonage of the United Church of Demorest, Georgia where he will serve that church and teach Religion in Piedmont College.

Charles and his wife, Jane Drake Erickson, were the first to receive the Woman's Gift Scholarship from the Women's Department; receiving it for two years. It was a real pleasure to have Mrs. John Gibson, past president and Mrs. E. C. Garrison, president of the Women's Department at the ordination.

Seabrook Church entertained the invited ministers and delegates to the council to a lovely dinner in the church basement. They also assisted in the housing and entertaining of relatives and friends from out of town.

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RUSSELL LAYS CORNERSTONE

At 4:30 in the afternoon on July 29, a brief but impressive ceremony marking the laying of the cornerstone of the remodeled building of the First Con-

Shown in the picture are those who took part in the corner-stone laying ceremony at the Russell Congregational Church. They are (l. to r.) Mrs. Bob Scott, chairman of the church deaconesses; W. S. Knox, chairman of Board of Trustees; Dr. L. M. Rymph, State Superintendent; Rev. Hans Poppe, pastor of the church; Bernard Jacobson, church moderator and Kendall Irving, chairman of the deacons. (Photo courtesy Russell Record.)

gregational Church in Russell. Those taking active part in the Special Service are shown and identified in the accompanying picture.

All members and friends attending signed the register included in the documents deposited in the cornerstone. Also included in the cornerstone is a Bible and a Cross; a roll of the membership and officers of the church; lists of the members of the building and finance committees and officers of all the organizations of the church; the names of the Sunday School teachers and the classes they teach; the names of the builder and architect; copies of the 75th Anniversary program; copies of the 75th Anniversary Historical booklet; copies of the ground breaking and corner-stone laying programs of 1951; a copy of the constitution; a short history of the church as an addendum of more recent history added to the 75th Anniversary History; a picture of the old church interior and exterior and major sections of the blue prints for the present construction.

The contractor for the remodeling program, John E. Simmons, reports that he expects to complete the structure sometime in September.

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CARNEGIE AT TOWANDA

On the morning of June 10, the Congregational-Christian Church of Towanda was privileged to hear the famous writer and lecturer, Dale Carnegie of New York. Some 350 people made up the congregation and the local quartet, E. R. Welch, Don Ratts, C. T. Maxey and H. M. Parks, furnished special music. Mr. Carnegie's lecture was "How to Win Friends." This was a "red-letter" date for all Towanda and Mr. Carnegie endeared himself to all those who heard him.

MAIZE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIAMOND JUBILEE

The celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Maize Congregational Church on Aug. 19 was a gala affair. The church yard had been carefully groomed and flowers were blooming along the front walk and in the back yard garden. Pilgrim Hall was the center of fellowship with tables spread with fine linen and an abundance of food to feed Pilgrims from near and far. Mrs. Stella I. McCoy, minister of the church, and Mr. Leland Rennick, program chairman, proved genial hosts. Lay friends and former members returned for the occasion. Two former pastors shared in the services of the day, Edward Diamond and Edward Schmidt both of Wichita. Mrs. Gertrude Downing, local church historian, retold the story of the church's pilgrimage from the center of Union Township to its early site in the heart of the newly incorporated town, to the chapel of the old Maize Academy, from thence to its present site at the south end of Main Street. Twice has the Maize Congregational Church lost its house of worship by fire. The present building was erected and dedicated under the joint pastorate of the Rev and Mrs. Robert C. McCoy. The McCoys have had three pastorates in Maize.

Neighboring pastors present to share in the services were: O. T. Meador of

Newton; J. D. Schmidt of Whitewater; H. M. Parks of Towanda; John H. Jones of Mt. Hope and George Fisk of Wichita Fairmount.

O. T. Meador of Newton gave the afternoon address on the theme, "A Great Time To Be Alive." The State Superintendent brought the morning message on the theme, "The Heritage We Cherish." Thus, past and present, were brought to bear upon the future. Faith and hope still remain at Maize. May this church continue to be as a beacon light set upon the hill during the next 75 years of history.

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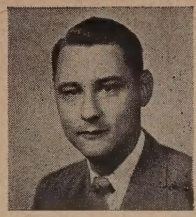
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AT ALMENA

The Almena Congregational-Christian Church with the Rev. Albert J. Goodson as its pastor, celebrated its 65th Anniversary, Sunday June 24. The State Superintendent brought the morning anniversary message and the afternoon historical statement was presented by Mrs. Harry S. Dole, Sr. Both services featured music by the two choirs, the young people's and a Junior Choir. Letters of greeting were read from two former ministers, Mrs. Stella I. McCoy and the Rev. O. T. Meador. The Lenora Church was represented by the Rev. and Mrs. Jas. A. McKeeman. During the decade just past, Almena and Lenora came to strength under the Larger Parish arrangement with O. T. Meador as pastor. The work of the Almena parish is now progressing rapidly under the full time leadership of Mr. Goodson. The Sunday School is well organized with classes for all ages. The new church building is well crowded Sunday after Sunday. A spirit of good will and harmony prevails with a will to make progress.



The Reverend Harald Wisegarver

ORDINATION AT MAPLE HILL

At the request of the Maple Hill Community Congregational Church, an ecclesiastical council was called for July 15 for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Harald Wisegarver, pastor of The Maple Hill Church. Due to the floods, the council was postponed until Sunday, July 22.

Mr. Howard Adams, Moderator of the local church presided over the election of the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes as Moderator and Mr. Camden Strain as scribe for the sessions. Mr. Wisegarver presented a well prepared paper on his early training, his Christian beliefs and his plans for future study and service in the Christian ministry. Delegates present voted unanimously to proceed with the ordination.

Following a bounteous complimentary supper served by the women of the Maple Hill Church, the service of ordination was held at 7:30 P.M. A sermon on "The Fourfold Life" was brought by the Rev. Dale Turner of Lawrence. Others participating were: Dr. L. M. Rymph, the Rev. Elmer E. Erickson and the Very Rev. John Warren Day. Mr. Wm. Schade of Topeka First sang, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Hammarlund. The Maple Hill Committee included Mr. Elmer Imthurn, Mrs. Harry Beach and Mrs. Merl Shipp.

Mr. Wisegarver will continue his pastorate at Maple Hill while studying at Washburn University.

Mrs. Dorothy Poepoe Chong
Guest Leader

Fall Association Meetings

Featured at all three meetings will be Mrs. Dorothy Chong of Honolulu, Hawaii, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands. Mrs. Chong is a charming example of the blending of the best in Hawaiian - Chinese races. She is a widow with three children; the youngest a son in his early teens. Her mother and her husband were Chinese. Her father was one of the best beloved of Hawaiian ministers. She is active in Sunday School work, young people's work, women's work and everything that pertains to the Christian Church. Mrs. Chong is also a musician and a lover of music, arts and crafts. She has taught both choral music and piano. She will bring first hand information on increasing racial tensions in the business world and grave concern over Communistic influences in the territory.

The Rev. Malcolm White, pastor at Sabetha, who recently returned from our mission field in China, will speak at each meeting on "Christianity Faces Communism in China."

Mrs. John W. Gibson, State Moderator, will speak on "The Conference at Work." Miss Pauline Bloomer will have a book display. Laymen on the Conference Stewardship Committee will make presentations with Levi Zimmerman at Southern; Wm. J. Manspeaker at Eastern; and Dan Hopkins at Western.

Southern Sessions will be held at Mt. Hope on October 2 with the Rev. John Jones as host pastor. The Rev. Frank Worthington and his people at Ottawa will entertain Eastern on October 4. Western will meet in the new church at Garden City, October 7 and 8 with the Rev. Marvin Brown as Host Pastor.

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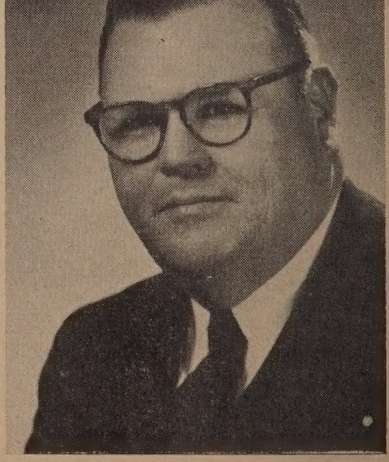
Great Bend Calls Minister

September 1st, Henry Eden Wright, L.L.B., B.D., minister at Walsenburg,



The Reverend Henry Eden Wright

Colorado Congregational Church the past five years began his pastorate at Great Bend Congregational Church.

At Walsenberg, besides being an effective minister of the church, Mr. Wright endeared himself to the life of the community by serving as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and as a member of Rotary Club. Among the achievements in church work, it is to be noted that he organized the Pilgrim Fellowship group and taught the High School Class. During the winter months he taught mid-week Bible Classes to adults and organized a public forum for men meeting once a week. During his five years a number of improvements were made to the property.

Prior to his pastorate at Walsenberg, Mr. Wright practiced law in the state of Massachussetts and was a member of the state legislature. Our Great Bend Church has always provided outstanding lay and ministerial leadership in civic affairs at Great Bend. The Great Bend Church, in calling Mr. Wright to this important pastorate, has entered into the relationship in the high faith that the traditions of the past will be carried on under his leadership with marked success.

Mrs. Wright has taken her place of leadership in church and social circles in Walsenberg and is likewise welcomed to Great Bend. The Wright's have a daughter 13 years of age who is assured of a hearty welcome to share in local, association, and state conference P.F. circles.

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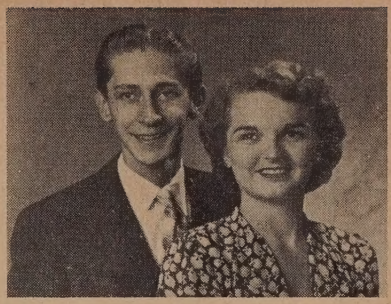
"A Wonderful Life"

New feature length movie available through the conference office, after September 10th.



The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nicely

New Minister of Education

Central Congregational Church in Topeka has called Paul Nicely as its Minister of Education, succeeding the Rev. J. Andrew Bolinger. Mr. Nicely began his work at Central, August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicely, both native Iowans, from Woodbine and Waterloo, respectively, come to Topeka after a 15 month resident ministry with the Universalist Church in Mitchellville, Iowa, where they served during Mr. Nicely's senior year at the College of the Bible, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. A veteran of the Army Air forces, he was graduated with the B.D. degree in May of this year. Mrs. Nicely, a 1950 Drake graduate with a B.M.E. degree, taught vocal music in the Mitchellville public school during the past year.

While at Drake they served Christian (Disciples) Churches in Iowa. Both were members of the Drake Choir and the student Ministerial Association. Shortly before moving to Topeka, the Nicely's attended the Annual Character Education Workshop at Schenectady, N. Y., of which Central's Church School is a part.

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A Boy For Turner's

The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Turner of Lawrence announce the arrival of a boy, Robert Dale, on July 19.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKING

Along with the Grasshoppers and the Dust Storms, Kansas will always remember the Floods of '51. I remember how we tried to tell folks about the terrible dust storms and it just could not be done. The same is true of the flooded areas. It is impossible for folks to picture the devastation unless they have experienced it. Just so, with our Christian World Mission. The Christian Gospel is just as necessary to our friends across the seas as help is to our friends who were in the flood.

A letter came from our son in Japan yesterday. He was in Tokyo just a week before; went back to his camp; wrote the letter on Tuesday; the next Sunday we had the letter in our home. All in one week's time! He visited with men from England, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and India. Somehow the letter impressed upon me more than ever the importance of the necessity of learning more and more about our neighbors. As Christian women, it behooves us to study and work and pray for Peace.

My summer at home has been made happier by the many letters I have received from my friends over the state. This job I have undertaken looks so much larger than it did last Spring. But I know you women of Kansas are going to work with me during the coming year.

Several, just how many I do not know, attended the retreat at LaForet and I know they will have good reports. Many will attend the inspirational meeting in Wichita, September 9 and 10. Miss Applegarth comes to us very highly recommended. I hope many more will make a special effort to attend our Association Meetings in October. Mrs. Chong will have a message all will want to hear. Our Association Presidents are planning wonderful meetings. Don't disappoint them.

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Eureka Reports

In late spring the Plymouth Guild entertained the Cotta Society of the Eureka Lutheran Church. The devotional topic given by Mrs. George E. Brown, wife of the minister, was the Hebrew conception of God before the time of Esther. The Bible story was beautifully interpreted and was interspersed with music from the cantata, "Queen Esther." It was one of the most inspiring programs ever presented by the Guild. In June Mrs. Roscoe Graves of Emporia was Guest Speaker bringing information regarding our Congregational Fellowship.

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Guide Books

Extra copies of the new Guide Book are available for the asking. Write Miss Bertha Trindal, Osborne, Kansas.

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"He Wears Orchids"

A study book by Elizabeth M. Lee, (cloth $2.50, paper $1.25)

In eighteen life stories, we meet people and patterns of Christianity working in eleven countries of South America. We learn why Protestantism is growing so fast when we see the variety of services it is performing among lepers, scientists, business men, artists, in family health centers, thru radio and in churches.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

La Foret Conference

The Kansas Conference was represented at the First Regional Laymen's and Women's Fellowship Conference held at Camp LaForet, July 29 to August 5, by seven men and women.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wedell of Great Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Korab and daughter Nedra of Kansas City; and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bidleman of Kinsley, made up the Kansas group.

LaForet is a beautiful camp located in the Black Forest about 17 miles northeast of Colorado Springs. It consists of a large number of camp buildings located on a 550 acre tract of pine forest, which is the property of the Colorado Congregational Conference.

The purpose of the Conference, as stated by Director Walter Graham, was to create better churchmanship, coupled with good Christian fellowship with leaders from many states. There were representatives from 19 states — from California to Massachusetts, and from Texas to Michigan. The program was ably directed by Walter Graham, Executive Director of the National Laymen's Fellowship, and Miss Elizabeth McGuffie, Associate Secretary, Women's Work. Dr. Allen Wehrli added much to the interest of the program. Miss Helen Kenyon and Dr. Vere V. Loper, General Council Moderator, also contributed much to the success of the Conference.

Two very interesting members of the group were Shinji Iwamura, an exchange student from Japan and Mr. J. D. Bougious, a summer student from Switzerland.

The camp gave opportunity for some very good work under very pleasant surroundings. The general plan is for men and their wives both to attend the camp. The food provided was "out of this world." This conference is to be an annual affair. Kansas should have a larger representation next year. Please reserve the date of August 10-17, 1952 for a pleasant and profitable week at LaForet.

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Churchmanship Schools

One point of emphasis of the National Laymen's Fellowship for 1951, is the promotion of Churchmanship Schools.

The Kansas Laymen's Fellowship plans to cooperate in holding a series of such schools at various times during the coming fall and winter. The plan will be to hold them so that a few churches will be represented at each school, and to hold enough schools that each church group will have a chance to participate.

While Churchmanship schools are not new, much good can be accomplished where small groups of church officers and leaders meet together to discuss church problems.

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Kiowa's "Father-Son" Banquet

The Father-Son Banquet held at the Kiowa Congregational Church June 4 was attended by 116 and the Pilgrim Daughter's Class served the dinner. John McGee was Master of Ceremonies and music was furnished by the Cosmos Lodge Quartet. Capt. Delmar Lewis, Jet Fighter Pilot, explained the F94 airplane and its jet engine. The Rev. A. F. White, Pastor, was the speaker of the evening.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President

Margaret Wilson, Secretary

Robert M. Dewey

Former Kansas P.F. President To Be Ordained

Robert Dewey, President of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship eleven years ago, will come back to his home church, Emporia First Congregational, to be ordained on September 21st. Kansas Pilgrims will remember him as one of the "Yale Boys" who spent three days at Wa-Shun-Ga in 1950.

He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale last spring and accepted the position of Minister of Youth for the Ohio Conference. For two years he was recipient of the Bockoven Memorial Scholarship presented by the Women's Department. We are proud to welcome him back to Kansas for his ordination service.

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Dave McMullen Attends U.C.Y.M.

The Rocky Mountain Regional United Christian Youth Conference was August 5-11 at Estes Park, Colorado. Representatives of various denominations attended from Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas. A major portion of time was devoted to acquainting conferees with "The Call" to United Christian Youth action. "The Call" is a challenge to all Protestant youth and adult leaders throughout North America. The U.C.Y.M., has set up a program and plan of action which will go into effect this year. Field representatives of the U.C.Y.M., will be available this fall to assist local communities in getting a program started. This movement is supported financially by our denomination and we are cooperating with it through our Pilgrim Fellowship Inter-denominational action. Dave McMullen, Topeka Central, represented the youth and Miss Pauline Bloomer represented the leaders for our denomination. Dave tied this year for first place in the Parshad Scholarship Awards which is sponsored by U.C.Y.M.

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Diosdado Magdamo Writes

"Dear 'Aunt' Ruth:

God morning. It has been quite some time since I left Camp Wa-Shun-Ga and have failed to write back. Let me thank you for the fine fellowship; the good time, that I had the privilege of enjoying with you. All those grand episodes are as fresh as the morning dew in my memory. They are lingering on."

Great Camps

The camps are over, but the memories linger on! Senior Camp totalled 159 and Junior Hi Camp, 193. Missionary Action offerings were $300.20 at the Senior Camp for International Christian University and $308.84 at Junior Hi Camp for the Indians at Elbowoods in North Dakota. In spite of heavy rains the first two weeks of June, we still say they were the best camp weeks of the summer.

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Thanks To Central Pilgrims

Did you get your camp paper? Well, you have a few Pilgrims at Central Church, Topeka, to thank. Mimeographing by Aunt Eva Wolford and Uncle "Doc" Dull was totally disrupted by the terrible flood. So these girls under the direction of Aunt Margaret Epps came to the rescue. Many hours were put in by Helen Graves, Nancy Mack, Sylvia McMullen, Laura Graves, Carrie Maze, Peggy Epps, and Ann Nicely. They rendered a service unmeasurable.

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Mount Hope Activities

Since early spring Mt. Hope members and friends have been busy redecorating and improving their church. Walls and ceilings were painted; floors refinished; the chancel enlarged and new railings installed; rugs and hangings cleaned. While some skilled labor was necessary, most of the work has been volunteered by the church members and friends.

The Federated Church and the Methodist Church of Mt. Hope conducted a Community Vacation Bible School from May 31 thru June 8. Each church housed two departments and their theme was, "Our Church." Group activities included making miniature churches; etchings of churches, revising church histories and a trip to Wichita to study the neighboring churches. The school closed with a public service and handwork display. Enrollment was 110 with an average of 98. Rev. John H. Jones is Pastor of Mt. Hope Church.

Cumberland Vacation Bible School

The Cumberland Congregational Congregational-Christian Church of rural Augusta, Ladies' Aid sponsored the first Vacation Bible School in the church. The session was from July 9 thru July 20 and Miss Margaret Dixson of Wichita and Miss Ruth Miller of Topeka, who were the teachers are to be complimented on the good work they accomplished for about 25 children. Mrs. George Wells and Mrs. G. G. Boncher, Presidents of The Ladies' Aid are which made this program of religious education possible.

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Stockton Bible School

June 17 was Children's Day at the First Congregational Church at Stockton with the children of the Vacation Bible School presenting a very impressive service of scripture, song and story, including a chancel play, "The Church." Children of Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Departments assisted with the Baptismal Service. Awards of merit were given to them and the teachers received recognition. The school was well attended and much interest was shown in the craft classes as well as the work and play periods.

Kansas At La Forest Workshop

The Leadership Workshop, July 25-29 had a record attendance this year and the camp was filled to capacity. There were around 145, including children. The Central South Conference joined in for the first time. The states in that area are Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. The Kansas delegation was as follows:

LITTLE RIVER: Rev and Mrs. H. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bush and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hodgson and Mrs. Emily Yocum.

LENORA: Mrs. C. E. Georgeson and Carl Lewis Georgeson, Miss Goldie Georgeson and Mrs. Esther Wills.

SABETHA: Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm White and four children; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aeschliman and three children.

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Fairmount Church Plans

A new educational building is soon to be erected on the lots across the street east of the church at 16th and Fairmount. The proposed building will be of contemporary architectural design, Glenn Thomas being the architect. The probable cost of the structure will be $80,000.00.

The first week in June, Curtis Schumacher, Financial Advisor for the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions led the church in a thorough Canvass for new monies for the building. A previous campaign had been conducted in 1947 to raise money for this structure and the renovation of the present church building. Both the former pastor, the Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, and the present pastor, the Rev. George Fisk, are to be commended for keeping the vision alive and laying the foundations for this program of advance.

Fairmount Church carries on one of the most aggressive educational programs in the state; ministering to thirty groups each normal week. The community is surrounded by some 2000 new housing units erected in the past five years. At present the church facilities are over-crowded and can only serve comfortably some 200 in Church School classes. The church looks forward to a period of great expansion as facilities are provided to match the needs of the growing community. The proposed building plans have been submitted to the State Superintendent and the Church Building Department and have the hearty endorsement of these representatives of our larger fellowship.

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Church Named

The new church in Wichita has adopted the name, "Pilgrim Congregational Church," according to their pastor, the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel. They have applied for a charter and plan to affiliate with Southern Association this fall. A full seven-day a week program has been conducted at the new church throughout the summer. The swimming pool has been open each afternoon. A successful Vacation Church School was conducted.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wilbert E. Dull of Topeka Seaman
(Photo courtesy Topeka Daily Capital)

FLOOD REFLECTIONS

"Dear Mr. Dull: Enclosed is a contribution from the 5th and 6th graders of the Jefferson, Ohio Congregational Church School, toward the reparation of your flooded church. About three weeks ago the pupils of my class were studying what it means to worship. The question finally came, 'Does God cause it to rain?' From there, 'Does He make it storm, bring tornados, and fires?' and finally, 'Does God bring disasters on people to punish them?' They began recalling some of the greatest disasters within the span of their memories and naturally came to the big flood then in progress in Kansas. The children finally decided that the people of Kansas were no more wicked than the people of Colorado, New Jersey, Louisiana, or even Ohio. Then suddenly someone suggested that we do something to help. An ice cream social was the result, with all the children congregating at my house to freeze 19 gallons of ice cream and all the mothers baking cakes. Our minister, the Rev. Wm. Gay, wrote to the superintendent of your local conference ,and your church, among others, was suggested as being severely damaged by the flood waters. The class voted to send the entire amount, $45.00, from our venture to you. We sincerely hope that rapid steps are being taken to repair your church and parsonage and that this check will be of some small help towards that end."

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Pauline Hurlburt,
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